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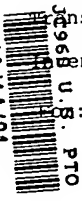
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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

Inventor: HARRY CHUANG

Title: LOCALIZED SLOTS FOR STRESS RELIEVE IN COPPER

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Enclosed are:

- ☒ 2 sheets of drawing(s) - formal.
- ☒ An assignment of the invention to Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company
- ☐ An associate power of attorney ☐ Applicant claims small entity status
- ☒ Request & Certification under 35 USC 122(b)(2)(b)(i)

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| BASIC FEE | | | | \$ 740. |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 46 -20= | 26 | x 18 = | \$ 468. |
| INDEP CLAIMS | 2 -3= | 0 | x 84 = | \$ 0. |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENTED | | | + 260 = | |
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| First Named Inventor | <u>Harry Chuang</u> |
| Title | <u>Localized spots for stress relieve in copper</u> |
| Atty Docket Number | <u>T501-B72</u> |

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